Lesson on Facts on the European Union

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Learning objectives

- Discover the most fascinating information about EU member states.
- Be able to distinguish between several facts related to the country being discussed.
- Help sharpen interpersonal and communication abilities as well as the capacity for paying attention to details.

Materials needed

- https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/play-games/eu-whats-it-all-about_en
- https://europa.eu/kids-corner/games-brexit/eu-whats-it-about/pdf/EU-Whats-it-about_en.pdf
- Statement and country flashcards (included in this lesson).

Structure/activities

- Divide class into **groups of four to five** (depends on class). **"Eu what's it about" materials** are distributed to each group. They have **20 minutes to read**, they can divide the material between themselves and take notes.
- If the class has computers, a more interactive online version can be used.
- Emphasize that the students should focus on the **words highlighted in bold**.
- After that, remove the materials and **distribute statement cards and country cards (flashcards)**. Each statement needs a country match from the students.
- Then check the answers with students. If you desire, you might encourage pupils by awarding extra credit to those who were most accurate and got most points.

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Background information

- **All of the modules of the EU@School E-learning course** can be used as they contain a wealth of additional and interesting information about the EU and its member states.

Assessment

- After reading the information, play an **entertaining flashcard quiz**. Students will be more interested in reading the distributed materials on information about the EU because the game includes a competitive element.

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Statement and Country Cards

Classical composers **Mozart, Haydn** and **Schubert**, Hollywood star **Arnold Schwarzenegger** and **Oscar-winning actor Christoph Waltz** were born in …

Austria

X is home to **the headquarters of the European Union and NATO**.

Belgium

The inventors **of the digital wristwatch and the airbag** were both born in…

Bulgaria

The **X** coastline is **dotted with over 1 000 islands**, making it a very popular tourist destination.

Croatia

The island counts two main communities: **Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots**.

Cyprus

Looking out over the Vltava River, **Prague Castle** is the largest ancient castle in the world.

Czechia

"**Lego**" bricks were invented in **X** in 1949.

Denmark

X capital city, Tallinn, has become an i**nnovation hub**, whilst also preserving its medieval history.

Estonia

X is the most northerly country in the EU.

Finland

Statement and Country Cards

Europe's **highest peak, the Mont Blanc** (4 809 m), is located in the **X** Alps.

France

X is a strong sporting nation: it has won the **football World Cup** four times and has achieved international success in **several winter sports.**

Germany

The first Olympic Games were held in Ancient **X** in 776 BC.

Greece

X underground metro system is one of the oldest in the world, second only to the London Underground in the UK.

Hungary

All of its **euro coins** feature an image of a **Celtic harp**, a traditional symbol of **X**.

Ireland

X is famous for its lakes: at over 400m deep, **Lake Como** is one of the deepest in Europe.

Italy

X national sport is ice hockey, and the national team's fans are regarded as amongst the most passionate around.

Latvia

X was the first Soviet republic to d**eclare independence from the USSR** in March 1990.

Lithuania

X is the richest European country, with many banks and insurance companies based here.

Luxembourg

Statement and Country Cards

The **two national languages** are Maltese and English.

Malta

The country is the largest **cheese exporter i**n the world, and around 80% of all **flower bulbs sold in the world are grown in X.**

Netherlands

Pol'and'Rock Festival is one of Europe's largest open-air festivals.

Poland

X joined the European Union **in 1986**

Portugal

X uses the leu as its currency. One **leu is worth about 21 euro cents**.

Romania

X capital city Bratislava lies directly on the borders with Austria and Hungary.

Slovakia

In a country of just 2 million people there are around **10 000 beekeepers.**

Slovenia

X is the closest EU country to Africa. It only takes 35 minutes on a ferry to get there.

Spain

Alfred Nobel, founder of the Nobel Prize, **was born in...**

Sweden